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SUBJECT: NEW MINISTER OF LABOR, GEORGE GORSE

1. WARTIME ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL DE GAULLE, FORMER MINISTER  
AND DIPLOMAT, GEORGES GORSE WAS NAMED 5 APRIL TO HEAD  
MINISTRY OF LABOR. ( THIS WAS COMPONENT OF EDGAR FAURE' S  
NOW- DISSOLVED MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS. SOCIAL SECURITY,  
FOR WHICH FAURE HAD ALSO BEEN RESPONSIBLE, WAS COMBINED WITH  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND ASSIGNED TO M. PONIATOWSKI.)

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2. GORSE, NOW 58, HAS HAD LONG AND VARIED CAREER AS: TEACHER LYCEE FRANCAIS, CAIRO (1939); DIRECTOR OF FREE FRENCH DELEGATION, CAIRO (1940-1943); SOCIALIST MEMBER CONSITUENT ASSEMBLIES (1945-1946); SOCIALIST DEPUTY (1946-1951); UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR MOSLEM AFFAIRS (1946-1947); UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR OVEREASE FRANCE (1949-1950); COUNSELLOR OF RENCH UNION (1952-1956); AMBASSADOR TO TUNISIA (1957-1960); FRENCH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO EEC (1959-1961); SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AFRICA (1961-1962); MINISTER OF COOPERATION (1961); AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA (1963-1967); UDR DEPUTY (1967- DATE); MAYOR OF BOULOGNE (PARIS INDUSTRIAL SUBURB)(1971- DATE).

3. AS SUGGESTED BY FOREGOING, GORSE, WHO SPEAKS ARABIC, CAN CLAIM EXPERTISE IN NORTH AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS. HE MARRIED EGYPTAIN COPTIC CHRISTIAN NADINE GELAT, WHO IS A WRITER. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN. GORSE IS ARDENT AMATEUR ARCHEOLOGIST. U. S. DIPLOMATS WHO HAVE KNOWN HIM IN TUNISIA AND ALGERIA FOUND HIM FRIENDLY, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, LEARNED AND COOPERATIVE. HOWEVER, THEY FOUND HIM ALSO CAPABLE OF ALOOFNESS ESPECIALLY IN DEALINGS WITH PEOPLE OF LOWER RANK.

4. GORSE CAN BE DESCRIBED AS UDR LEFT- WING DEPUTY. HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE MOVEMENT FOR AN INDPENDENT EUROPE WITH WHICH MODERATE LEF- WING LEADERS ARE ASSOCIATED; ALSO A MEMBER OF EDGAR FAURE' S COMMITTEE FOR A " NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT."

5. THOUGH BACKGROUND RATHER INCONGRUOUS WITH TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS MINISTER OF LABOR, GORSE APPEARS EQUIPPED TO APPRECIATE QUESTION OF IMMIGRANT LABOR. WHAT REMAINS OF FORMER SOCIALIST CONVICTIONS, AND HOW THESE AND HIS PRESENT POLITICAL ASSOCIATIONS MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON SOCIAL SCENE, DIFFICULT TO PREDICT. BUT, COMING TO MINISTRY AS HE DOES, AT A TIME OF SOCIAL FERMENT, HIS SKILL AS DIPLOMAT WILL PROBABLY FIND WORTHY CHALLENGE UNLESS HIS ALOOFNESS AND REFLECTIVE CHARACTER GET IN HIS WAY.

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